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1. The construction of seiners is to be undertaken. It is not yet clear whether the seiners are to be equipped as tugs.
2. The seiners are supposed to be for the fisheries, but it is not yet clear that they are actually going into that service. According to Polish fishermen, there are a large number of new seiners at Kaliningrad which have thus far done no fishing whatever.
3. The Thaelmann Yard has built about 79 seiners up to August 1951. The ships are towed to Wolgast with their upper works still incomplete, and placed in commission there. The officer in charge of taking them from one place to the other is Walter Krueger of Damgarten.
4. The R boats (former German ships of the improved R 17 type, wooden construction) are training in minesweeping from Wolgast to the area around Ruegen. Four R boats are thus engaged [redacted] In the area Kaliningrad, Sassnitz, Warnemuende the 4 Soviet motor gunboats [redacted] [redacted] are operating with a former German minesweeper, which 50X1-HUM serves them as a sound ship. 50X1-HUM
5. In the Neptun Yard at Rostock, one of the three heavy duty lathes was destroyed. A foreman and 2 lathe operators were immediately arrested. Sabotage was suspected since two large pieces of wood were found in the wrecked machine.

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